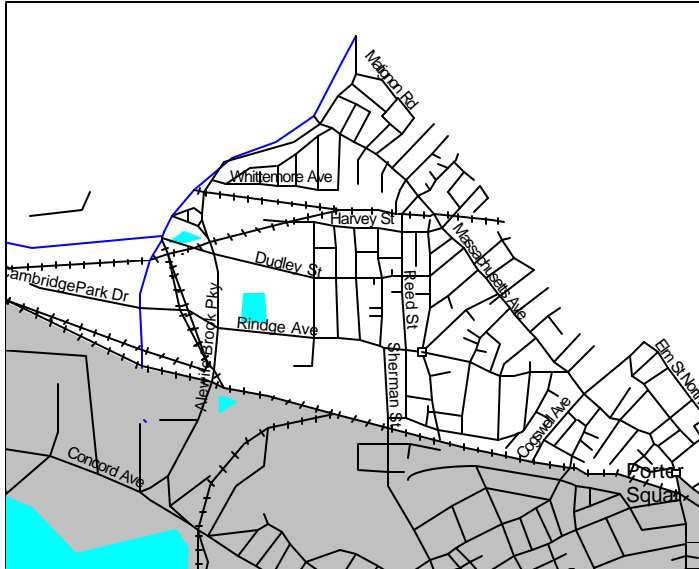
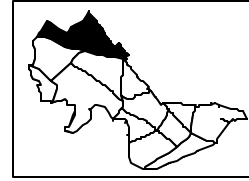


# NEIGHBORHOOD 11

## NORTH CAMBRIDGE



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

**POPULATION:** 10,642 residents  
4,699 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

### 2001 FIRST QUARTER REVIEW

The latter half of February, into March was most active, with 5 of 7 **housebreaks** occurring in North Cambridge during the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. Most took place early in the week, and involved apartments between Rindge Ave, Jackson Pl., & Pemberton St., that were targeted around 2:15 pm. Entry was gained via windows (broken, or with popped-out screens), and the breaks typically incurred minor property loss. • Tire-slashings, graffiti, and miscellaneous car damage (**malicious destruction of property**) crept-up 30%, due to minor patterns. Vehicles located at #362-4 Rindge Ave were targeted on 4 separate occasions, as were motor vehicles and businesses between #2130-2460 Mass Ave. Damage ranged from graffiti to pinstripping. • **Street robbery** and **auto theft** plummeted, with a combined count of 4 incidents. In the one robbery incident, two females were approached at an elevator, outside their Rindge Ave apartment, by two masked males wielding a handgun. Though the women escaped unharmed, the perpetrators absconded with various items from their apartment. • At least 6 crack-cocaine and marijuana arrests were furnished in North Cambridge throughout the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter. **Drug activities** came to the attention of police, via SIU investigations and undercover surveillance, or routine searches conducted by patrol officers.

### COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS FIRST QUARTER 2000 & 2001

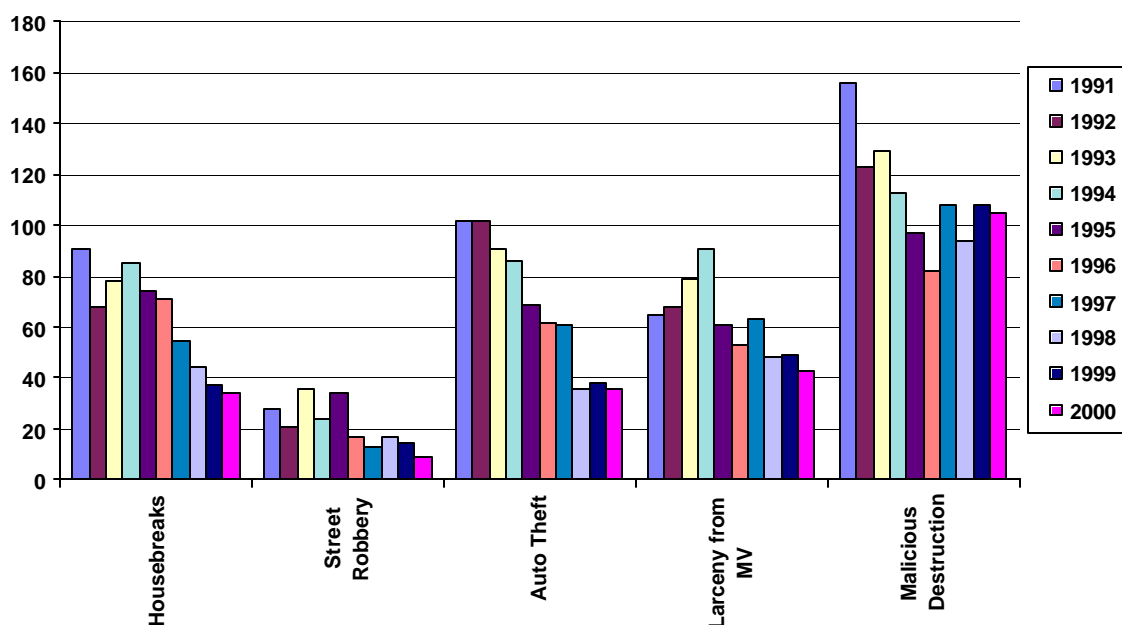
CRIME	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2000	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2001	% CHANGE
Housebreaks	7	7	None
Street Robbery	3	1	-66%
Auto Theft	11	3	-73%
Larceny from MVs	11	9	-18%
Malicious Destruction	20	26	+30%

Drug Arrests	2	6	+200%
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## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2000*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	6
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	7
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	6
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	7
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	2

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest